

First Presbyterian Church

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Who is First Presbyterian Church?

We belong to the family of the Redeemed.
Transformed by the grace of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection,
we are delighting in the supremacy of God in all things
as we reach up to Him in worship,
reach in to one another with biblical teaching and shepherding care,
and reach out to the world with Christ.

*So that in everything He might be preeminent.
Colossians 1:18*

Order of Worship

*Please stand if you are able.

Bold text indicates congregational response.

Welcome and Announcements

Psalm 121:1b-2

Where does our help come from?

Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Preparation for Worship

O Savior of sinners, your name is excellent, your glory high, your compassions unfailing, your condescension wonderful, your mercy tender. I bless you for the discoveries, invitations, promises of the gospel, for in them is pardon for rebels, liberty for captives, health for the sick, salvation for the lost. I come to you in your beloved name of Jesus; re-impress your image upon my soul; raise me above the smiles and frowns of the world, regarding it as a light thing to be judged by men; may your approbation be my only aim, your Word my one rule.

The Valley of Vision

Call to Worship

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah! O my soul, Jehovah praise!
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days!
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend.
He shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid!
He is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas and all that they contain.
He delivers from oppression: righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger he befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah! O my soul, Jehovah praise!
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days!
Over all God reigns forever; through all ages he is King.
Unto him, thy God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing!

Wonderful merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend!
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh you rescue the souls of men!

You are the one that we praise, you are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh we've hopelessly lost the way. (Chorus)

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own,
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne,
Oh we're falling before your throne. (Chorus)

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

¹¹ Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹² There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

*Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 19:1, 2, & 5

Of the Law of God

1. God gave to Adam a law, as a covenant of works, by which he bound him and all his posterity to personal, entire, exact, and perpetual obedience, **promised life upon the fulfilling, and threatened death upon the breach of it, and endued him with power and ability to keep it.**

2. This law, after his fall, continued to be a perfect rule of righteousness; and, as such, was delivered by God upon Mount Sinai, in ten commandments, **and written in two tables: the first four commandments containing our duty towards God; and the other six, our duty to man.**

5. The moral law does forever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the obedience thereof; and that, not only in regard of the matter contained in it, **but also in respect of the authority of God the Creator, who gave it. Neither does Christ, in the gospel, any way dissolve, but much strengthen this obligation.**

My God, my Portion, and my Love, my everlasting All,
I've none but thee in Heav'n above, or on this earthly ball.

What empty things are all the skies and this inferior clod!
There's nothing here deserves my joys; there's nothing like my God.

In vain, the bright, the burning sun scatters his feeble light.
'Tis thy sweet beams create my noon. If thou withdraw, 'tis night.

Let all that dwells above the sky and air and earth and seas
Conspire to lift thy glories high and speak thine endless praise.

The whole creation join in one to bless the sacred name
Of him that sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:13-16

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

To all who have received the Gospel,
know that in Christ, your sins are forgiven and be at peace.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

Sermon

Life Together: Part IV Ministry
Mark 6:7-13; 30-52

Pastor Andy Aikens

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Serving of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ, to come forward to the table.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You may use the lyrics of the hymns as well as the Scriptures to guide your praying.

*Song of Response

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here below!
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen.

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Psalms 146



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah!

2. Hap - py is the man who choo - ses

3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry,

4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah!



O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise! I will sing the

Is - rael's God to be his aid! He is blessed whose

sets the mourn - ing pris' - ner free, rais - es those bowed

O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise! I will sing the



glo - ri - ous prai - ses of my God through all my days!

hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.

down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eyes to see.

glo - ri - ous prai - ses of my God through all my days!



Put no con - fi - dence in prin - ces, nor for help on

Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - a - ted, seas and all that

Well Je - ho - vah loves the right - eous, and the strang - er

O - ver all, God reigns for - e - ver; through all a - ges

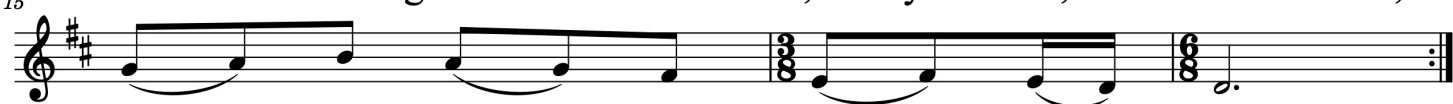


man de - pend. He shall die, to dust re - turn - ing,

they con - tain. He de - li - vers from op - press - ion:

he be - friends, helps the fa - ther - less and wi - dow,

he is King. Un - to him, thy God, O Zi - on,



and his pur - pos - es shall end.

right - eous - ness he will main - tain.

judge - ment on the wick - ed sends.

joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing!

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Eric Wyse, Dawn Rogers

1. Won - der - ful mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re -
2. Coun - sel - or, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spi - rit we
3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly

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deem - er and friend! Who would have thought that a
long to em - brace, you of - fer hope when our
11 lov - ing your own, here in our weak - ness you

Lamb could res - cue the souls of men?
hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way,
16 find us fall - ing be - fore your throne,

Oh you res - cue the souls of men!
oh we've hope - less - ly lost the way.
21 oh we're fall - ing be - fore your throne.

You are the one that we praise, you are the
26 one we a - dore. You give the heal - ing and
31 grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger for,
36 oh our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

My God, My Portion, & My Love

Isaac Watts

Mack Wilberg



1. My God, my Por - tion and my Love, my
2. What em - pty things are all the skies and
3. In vain, the bright, the burn - ing sun scat -
4. Let all that dwells a - bove the sky and
5. The whole cre - a - tion join in one to



e - ver - last - ing All, I've
this in - fer - ior clod! There's
ters his fee - ble light. 'Tis
air and earth and seas con -
bless the sa - cred name of



none but thee in Heav'n a - bove, or
no - thing here de - serves my joys; there's
thy sweet beams cre - ate my noon. If
spire to lift thy glo - ries high and
him that sits up - on the throne, and



on this earth - ly ball.
no - thing like my God.
thou with - draw, 'tis night.
speaks thine end - less praise.
to a - dore the Lamb.

News and Announcements

Please be praying for God-glorifying input and conversation, healthy interactions, and safe travels to and from camp for 6 teenagers, parents, and staff at Ridge Haven from **June 2-7**.

Baby Bottles Change Lives! Pick up baby bottles for the Plateau Pregnancy Services fundraiser from the table in the hallway. Please take your baby bottles home and fill them with your change and dollars (checks should be made out to Plateau Pregnancy Services). Return baby bottles by Father's Day, **June 15**.

The Fellowship Lunch is scheduled for **June 22**. Signup sheets are in the hallway.

First Catechism (for children of all ages)

Weeks 1-5 God

Weeks 6-12 Creation

Weeks 13-19 Fall/Sin

Weeks 20-28 Salvation by grace alone, through Christ alone

Weeks 29-30 Repentance and Faith

Weeks 31-48 Growing in Grace

Weeks 49-52 Heaven now and in the future

Week 39, May 25

What is the fifth commandment?

Honor your father and your mother.

Week 40, June 1

What is the sixth commandment?

You shall not murder.

Hymn of the Month—copies are on the back table

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship Service
Sunday Morning Bible Study (all ages)
Sunday Evening Worship
Women's Monday Theology Study
Men's Thursday Bible Study
Octogenarian/Nonagenarian (ON) Lunch
Women's Tuesday Bible Study

10:45 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. On Break
2:00 p.m. On Break
9:00 a.m.
Monthly
9:30 a.m. On Break

Giving

General Fund

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| 2025 week 5/25 | \$ 4,090 |
| Giving YTD | \$ 313,955 |
| YTD Budget | \$ 199,302 |

Deacon's Fund

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| 2025 YTD Giving | \$ 6,780 |
| 2024 Rollover | \$ 2,610 |
| 2025 Disbursements | \$ 1,942 |

Our Missionary Family International

Lydia Goeglein, MTW Sofia Bulgaria
Brian & Becky Schrader, Pioneers in Africa
Lee Leadbetter, RUF International at UT
Julian & Rachel Bacon, MTW Brussels
Jud & Jan Lamos, MTW Ghent

North America & Local

Plateau Pregnancy Services
Good Samaritans, 10th Street
RUF Tennessee Tech, Ryan Angel
Rural Church Development, Corey Pelton
Myers Park Initiative, Greg Salazar
Christ Church Presbyterian, John Blevins
Occom Ministries, Native American Initiative

Session

Andy Aikens TE, Senior Pastor
Robert Berman, RE '27
Bobby Duck RE '25
Jim Sparks RE '26
Richard Parks RE '27
Forrest Marion RE, Clerk, '26

Deacons

Dave Miser, Chair '25
John Reed '26
Mike Tuuk '27

Staff

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| Music/Sound Director | Matt Bundy |
| Finance/Admin | Holly Kisly |
| Calvin Fellow | Noah Aikens |

Security Team

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| Today | Kevin Wyson |
| Next Week | Orville Ennis |

Ministry Support

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| Treasurer | Bill Allbright |
| Newsletter | Darlene Gendjar |
| Library | Kathy Pipkin |

Greeters

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| Today | Herb & Judy V. |
| Next Week | David & Karen Phillips |

Nursery

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| Today | Sandy Reed |
| Next Week | Brianna Sears |